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Flood through common Rivers flowing into India and Nepal
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action on mapping of the hydraulic structure in Nepal on the common rivers flowing in India has been initiated after the devastating earthquake of 25 April, 2015 in Nepal keeping in view the danger of floods in India;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme aimed at protecting the Indian territory from floods caused by the common rivers flowing in Nepal and India and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) to (c) The rivers flowing from Nepal to India are causing floods in India, mainly in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The major rivers causing such floods are Sharda, Ghaghra, Gandak, Koshi and Rapti. The hydro-meteorological observations are being carried out on 46 stations in Nepal and transmitted to Central Water Commission on near real time basis for flood forecasting on these rivers.

The management of floods due to these rivers has been a concern. The related issues are discussed in the existing Indo-Nepal bilateral three tier mechanisms comprising of (i) Joint Ministerial Level Commission on Water Resources (JMCWR), (ii) Joint Committee on Water Resources (JCWR) and (iii) Joint Standing Technical Committee (JSTC). Government of India has been constantly persuading the Government of Nepal for construction of dams on these rivers for mutual benefit of the two countries which includes flood control. Broad outcomes of the dialogues mechanism are given below:

i) Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) has been set up jointly by India and Nepal for execution, operation and maintenance of the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Sharda. The draft final DPR of the project has been prepared by M/s WAPCOS Limited. Implementation of Pancheshwar Project is expected to pave way for other projects in Nepal.
ii) Survey and investigation including preparation of DPRs of Sapta Kosi High dam Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum- Diversion scheme proposed in the Sapta Kosi basin in Nepal has been undertaken jointly by India and Nepal.
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